**THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY**

**ALTON ## CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY –** This week, April 3-9, 2022 is National Library Week. Since 1958, National Library Week has been sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. The theme for this year’s National Library Week is “Connect with Your Library.”

This is the perfect time to come into Gilman Library and connect with all the resources we offer. We have public access patron computers to connect to the internet and wi-fi access for the personal devices of students and workers who may lack internet access at home. We also take pleasure in being a resource for community connections, through meetings, programs, and impromptu socialization. Local clubs and organizations gather in our meeting room, young children and their parents and caregivers meet for Story Time. Community members organize for a monthly book discussion. Neighbors meet for our monthly movie matinee. Friends, new and old, find a comfortable spot to sit and visit over a cup of coffee. Come, celebrate, and connect with us at the Gilman Library.

**NEW BOOKS –** We have just added two books from the new Ava James FBI Mystery series, by A.J. Rivers, published in December 2021 and January 2022. Book one is “Ava James and the Forgotten Bones,” a thriller involving organized crime and kidnapping. The second book, “Ava James and the Icy Grove,” has the private investigator solving a mystery surrounding vigilante justice. We also have the 2020 biography by local author, Barbara Reed Raschilla, entitled “A Mill Town Christmas Remembered.” We also have a fresh copy of “Rewire Your Brain: think your way to a better life.” We have these and more besides, waiting for you to come in and check out. If you are interested in reserving these titles before you come in, please feel free to call (603) 875-2550, during open hours. You can always reserve from our online catalog through our website at gilmanlibrary.org. Our virtual library never closes. See you at the library! **#330**